

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Catherine Rita Allard, and we are richer because Catherine lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Catherine was born to Patrick and Eva Kilmurry at O'Neill, Nebraska, on October 8, 1921; and,

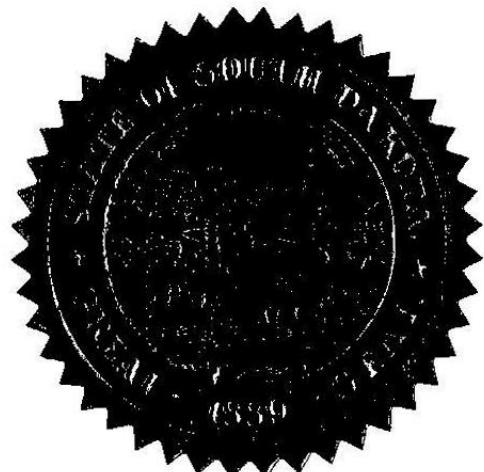
*Whereas*, In 1940, Catherine graduated from High School in Atkinson, Nebraska. Catherine married Vincent Allard on March 10, 1944, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 16 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Catherine will observe her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such as milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on October 8, 2011, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

  
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Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
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Judy A. Larsen, Exec. Asst.  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State